

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 26 Oct. 66 2400Z	2. LOCATION Longmont, Colorado
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro(Capella) Capella - 43 deg Az and at 15 deg El
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 hours	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer watched a object that appeared as a light slowly move eastward during a three hour period. The object was changing colors from red to green to blue. The object reminded the witnesses of a string of multi-colored Christmas tree lights. The object seemed to hover over a town about forty miles but the witnesses felt that the UFO was closer than that. The description is consistent with that of an astronomical observation. The star, Capella, was rising in the northeastern sky and appears to have been responsible for the observation.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual Bx	
7. COURSE SE slowly	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

26 Oct 66

FTD (TDETR) *hf*
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
7 November 1966

[REDACTED]
Longmont, Colorado 80501

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Reference your unidentified observation of 26 October 1966.
The information which we have received is not sufficient for
evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164
and return it in the envelope provided.

We wish to thank you for reporting your observation to the
Air Force.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
RECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

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STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH
INCOMING MESSAGE

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ACTION : RDC-4 INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-2, SAFOS-3, NIN-7, DIA-1 (19)

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ZNR UUUUU

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FM 4600ABWG ENT AFB COLO

TO RUEDHQA/OSAF WASH DC

RUEDHQA/CSAF

RUEDFIF/FTD WPAFB OHIO

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UNCLAS WGOOT-B 02295 OCT 66.

FOR: OSAF (SAF-01); CSAF (AFRDC); FTD (IDETR); NORAD

(NINT); ADC (ADOCF) AND (ADCIO-P). UFO. UNIDENTIFIED

FLYING OBJECT REPORT. FORMAT FOLLOWS PARA 11, AFR 80017.

A. (1) UNK.

(2) PEA.

(3) RED, GREEN, AMBER.

(4) ONE

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(5) N/A

(6) NONE

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(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) NONE.

B. (1) UNK.

(2) 45 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON.

(3) UNK.

(4) APPEARED STATIONARY

(5) UNK.

(6) 15-20 MINUTES.

C. (1) GROUND-VISUAL. AIRBORNE.

(2) NONE.

(3) BOEING 720; UNITED 7177; FLT 390; 260 MAGNETIC,
375 TAS, STAPLETON AIRPORT, DENVER, COLORADO.

D. (1) 270125Z

(2) NIGHT

E. GROUND-VISUAL: LONGMONT, COLO. AIRBORNE: 80 EAST OF
DENVER, COLO.

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F. (1) (A) GROUND-VISUAL: [REDACTED]

LONGMONT, COLORADO. GOOD.

(B) GROUND-VISUAL: MR TODD, WATCH SUPERVISOR, DENVER

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FLIGHT CENTER. GOOD.

(C) AIRBORNE: PILOT. UNK.

(2) N/A

G. (1) CLEAR. FIFTEEN PLUS.

(2) SURFACE, CALM; 6,000' 11/24; 10,200' 06/22; 16,000'

05/24; 20000' 03/140; 30000' 34/14; 50000' 35/19; 80000' N/A.

(3) NONE.

(4) FIFTEEN PLUS.

(5) NONE.

(6) NONE.

(7) 2.64 DEGREES C/1000 FT FROM SURFACE TO 30000 FT.

H. NONE.

I. MADE CHECKS WITH LOCAL AGENCIES AND NO OTHER INFORMATION
WAS AVAILABLE.

J. NONE.

K. BASE OPERATIONS OFFICER, PETERSON FIELD, COLORADO,
CAPT JAMES W. ELLSTROM. NO SATELLITE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO EXPLAIN
SIGHTING.

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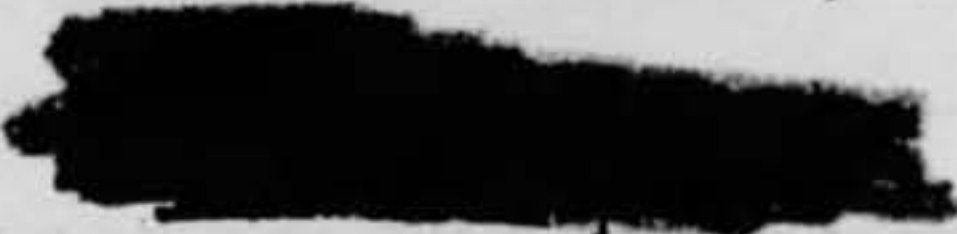
FEBRUARY 24, 1967

DEAR GENTLEMEN:

THE CORRECT DATE OF MY SIGHTING OVER
GREELEY, COLORADO WAS OCTOBER 6, 1966.

SORRY ABOUT THE DELAY, BUT THE LETTER WAS
MISPLACED BEFORE I HAD A CHANCE TO OPEN
IT.

SINCERELY YOURS,



26 Oct. Longmont, Col.

Realla

6 Oct 66

TDET/UFO

23 January 1967

UFO Observation, October 1966

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Longmont, Colorado 80501

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Reference your completed FTD Form 164 which was received recently by our office. On the initial report from Ent Air Force Base, the date of the sighting was listed as 26 October 1966. In the completed form the date of the sighting was given as 6 October 1966.

A short note giving the correct date will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight - pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One):

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One):

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- d. As a light
- e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- a. Brighter
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

THE OBJECT WAS BRIGHTER THAN THE STARS - ALMOST AS BRIGHT AS THE MOON

12. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One)
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - b. Like a bright star
 - c. Sharply outlined
 - d. Don't remember

- e. Other THE OBJECT SEEMED TO HAVE A RED LIGHT REVOLVING AROUND IT

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- a. Appear to stand still at any time?
- b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
- c. Break up into parts or explode?
- d. Give off smoke?
- e. Change brightness?
- f. Change shape?
- g. Flash or flicker?
- h. Disappear and reappear?

- | | | |
|------------|-----------|------------|
| <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't know |
| Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't know |
| Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't know |
| <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't know |

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

26
THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER 1966
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 8:00
Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

LONGMONT COLORADO LONGMONT COLORADO
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

APPROX 3:00
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? IT WAS IN SIGHT FROM 8-11 PM

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes ☒ No ☐

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY NIGHT
a. Bright a. Bright
b. Cloudy b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

43° 1' E
3000 ft
15-0000

20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) Yes ☒ No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) ☒ Yes No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 10 MILES (APPROX)

22. Where were you located when you saw the object?

(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- c. ☒ Outdoors
- d. In an airplane (type) _____
- e. At sea
- f. Other _____

23. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?
- b. In the residential section of a city?
- c. ☒ In open countryside?
- d. Near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other _____

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

24.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|---------------|--------------------------------------|----|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | No | g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other | _____ | |

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

THE OBJECT REMINDED ME OF A REVOLVING, MULTICOLORED CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT LIKE TO THOSE SOLD WITH THOSE TREES. THE COLOR CHANGED MUCH MORE RAPIDLY, HOWEVER.

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? IT SEEMED TO GROW VERY BRIGHT AND THEN DIM DOWN UNTIL IT WAS ALMOST INVISIBLE

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes ☒ No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind:

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes ☒ No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of:


17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound NONE

b. Color CHANGING FROM RED TO GREEN TO AMBER TO BLUE & AMBER

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head? PROBABLY ALL OF THE OBJECT WOULD HAVE BEEN OBSCURED.

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

→ (MOVING SLOWLY TO SOUTHEAST)
 - RED BAND (REVOLVING CONTINUOUSLY)

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

YES, I SAW THE OBJECT OR ONE EXACTLY LIKE IT ON SEPT. 10. IT WAS DUE WEST ABOUT 10° ABOVE THE HORIZON. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE NEXT NIGHT, THE OBJECT WAS ALMOST DIRECTLY OVERHEAD A LITTLE TO THE EAST.

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One) Yes No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One) Yes No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses: MY FATHER, [REDACTED] OF [REDACTED] AND MR. [REDACTED] OF [REDACTED]

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] LOVELAND 80501 COLORADO
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] AGE 17 SEX MALE

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

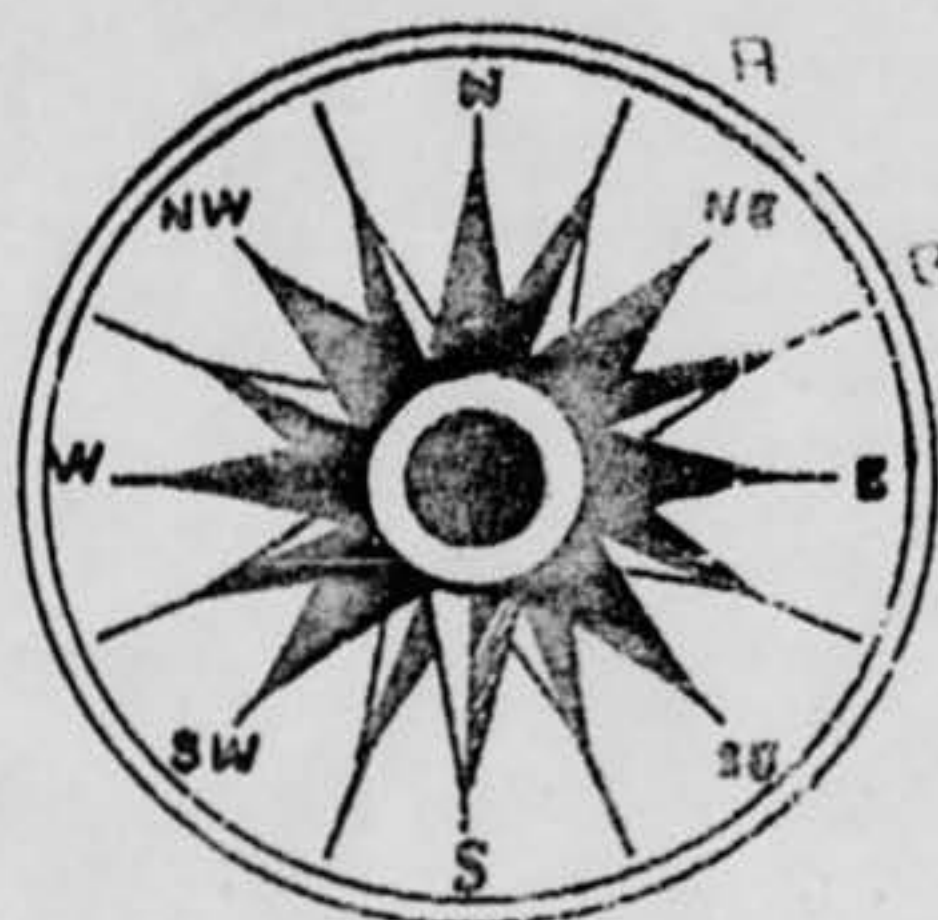
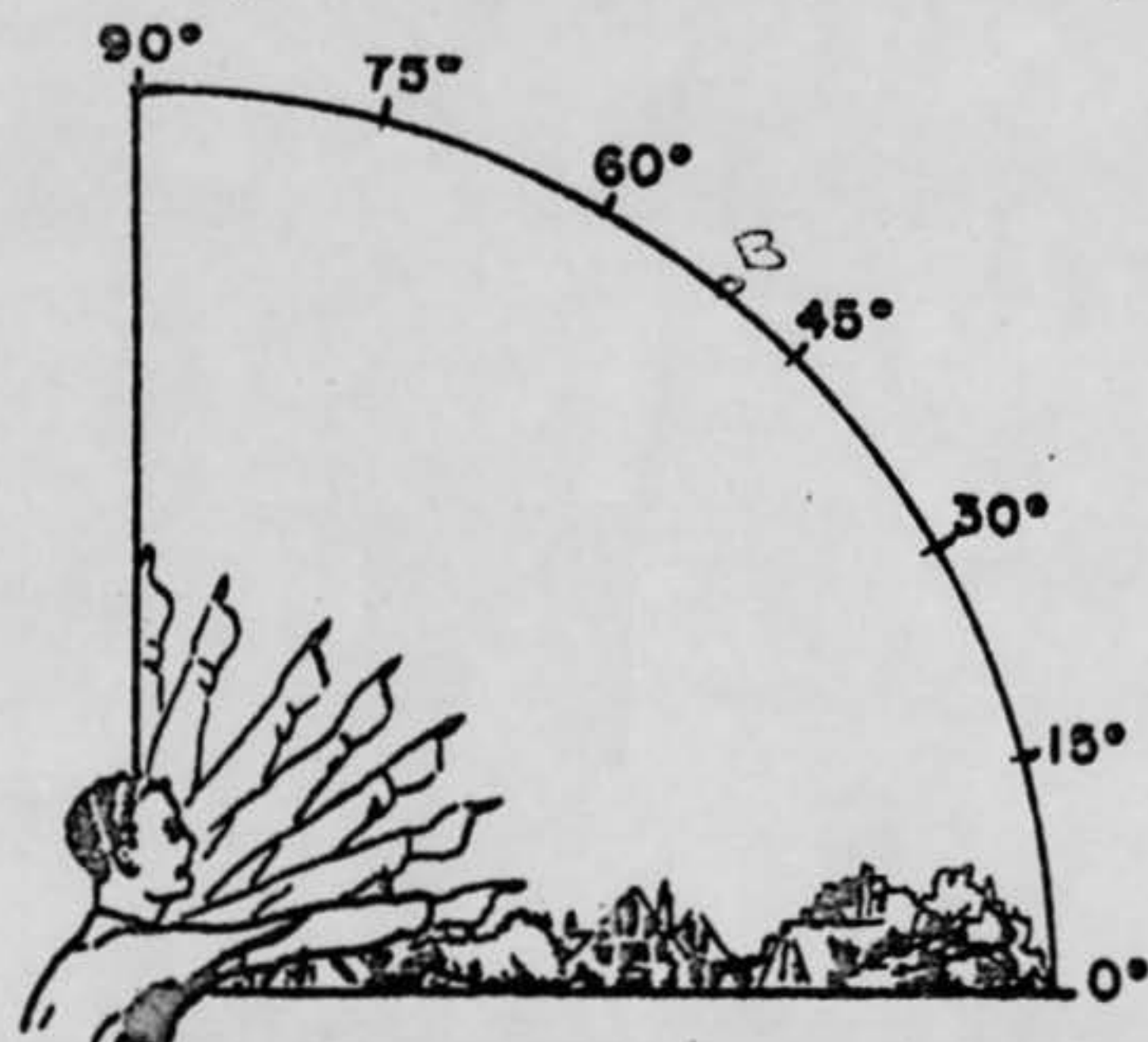
I HAVE BEEN INTERESTED IN THE SUBJECT OF UFO'S FOR SOME TIME NOW & HAVE HAD MANY SIGHTINGS WHICH I COULD NOT RELATE TO NATURAL CAUSES. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THE CONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT & OBSERVE THESE OBJECTS BEFORE ARRIVING AT CONCLUSIONS. I HAVE SOME OF THESE OBSERVATIONS DOWN IN A RECORD BOOK AND DO SOME RESEARCH. I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UFO STUDY HERE AT BOULDER. I WILL COOPERATE WITH YOU AND WILL NOTIFY YOU IN THE EVENT OF MORE SIGHTINGS WHICH I FEEL YOU WILL BE INTERESTED IN.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

SEP 16 THURS. OCT 1966
Day Month Year

I REPORTED THE OBJECT TO FAP, HERE IN ~~THE~~ LOVELAND ON THE EVENING OF THE ENCOUNTER

27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you *last* saw the object.



28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

⊖ ——— BETWEEN E. & S.E.

29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

10TH

Day

NOV.

Month

1966

Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting. THE OBJECT SEEMED TO HOVER OVER CREELEY, COLORADO IN DIRECTION, (ABOUT 40 MILES AWAY) BUT I FELT IT WAS CLOSER THAN THAT. AT ONE TIME, I THOUGHT I SAW A SMALL RED LIGHT EMERGE FROM THE OBJECT. MY IMAGINATION RARELY OVER POWERS MY SENSE OF PERCEPTION